(4) the road from the 118th mile in the Main Central Road to Vaikam ; and

(5) the road from 114th mile in the Main Central Road to Piravom.

As regards road No. 2, the Member stated that the road should meet the first road at Chettikandam or Pambakada Valiapalli. In regard to the third road, it would, if improved, connect the markets at the two places and facilitate transport of goods to and fro. So far as road No. 4 was concerned, he stated that the new road ought not to follow the existing line but should pass by the local temple, Kannapalli, Parappalli, the Churches, Sirkar temple and cattle market to the west of Thalakulam and thence to Kochalamchavadi in Kannamppillikara to meet the village road to Vaikam.

Dewan's reply.—A special report will be called for from the Chief Engineer about the request of the Member to make the road from Muvattupuzha to Alwaye fit for motor-traffic. The other representations made by the two Members are noted.

88. Improvement of facilities for communication in the Thodupuzha taluk.

Mr. Ousep Chacko (Member, Thodupuzha taluk) pointed out that the repeated representations of the Members of the taluk in the Assembly for improved facilities of communication in the taluk were of no avail. Though several roads were necessary in the taluk to connect all the *pakuthies*, yet he would request the Government to take up the following village roads and have them improved and made cartable without delay :—

(1) the road from Vazhakulam to Karimannoor *via* Kalloorkodikalam ; and

(2) the road from Vazhakulam to Karimkunnam *via* Parappuzha.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

89. The necessity for the conversion of the road from Angamali to Manjali into a cartable road.

Mr. Sankaran Aiyappan (Member, Alengad taluk) pointed out that the inhabitants of Kothakulangara, Chengamanad, Parakadavu and Aiyrur in the Alengad taluk and of Puthenvelikara and other places in the Parur taluk experienced great difficulty to go to Parur and Angamali where all the important public institutions were situated, on account of the paucity of facilities of communication. There was a cartable road from Parur to Manjali and the difficulty was to reach Angamali from there. The Member requested that the village road from Manjali to Angamali for a distance of 10 miles be improved and made cartable at an early date.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

90. The highly unsatisfactory state of the means of communication in the Parur taluk.

Mr. Joseph Thaliath, M. A., Bar-at-Law (Member, Parur taluk) said that, out of 2,500 miles of cartable road in Travancore, the Parur taluk could boast of only three miles of gravelled road and a bridge 20 to 25 feet long. He referred to the representations of the members of his taluk in previous years and to their suggestion that funds for public works should be allotted to the different taluks in proportion to the revenue derived from them. He said that he would slightly modify the proposal and suggest that funds devoted to the public works should be divided under two heads—general and local wants. The sums to be spent on such works as the Law College, the up-keep of the Main Central Road, etc, affecting the whole or a major portion of it, should be put down under the first head; and the remaining sum should be placed under the head of "local wants." The latter sum should be distributed among the different taluks in proportion to the revenue they yielded. He added that, if the Government had adopted any such rule during the past years, the Parur taluk would not have suffered so much and that no taluk would have had reason to complain and no taluk would have received more than its due.

Proceeding to the actual wants of the taluk, he said that the following roads and canals were absolutely necessary :—

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